

Calling All Volunteers!

The Women Everywhere: Partners in Service Project ("WE") is a non-profit organization established in 1999 by several women's bar groups to address the needs of women and children in Cook County communities who have suffered domestic abuse or are struggling to become financially independent. WE is looking for volunteers to serve in its projects.

Having evolved into a collaborative effort of several Chicago area bar associations and their individual attorneys, along with federal and state court judges and friends of the legal community, WE encourages volunteers to reach out to social service agencies and to inspire girls in the Chicago public high schools to achieve academic and vocational success. These goals are achieved through organizing individuals, law firms, employees in government offices, and the judiciary to contribute their time and energies to such groups on two service days annually. Those who volunteer for one or both of these projects are guaranteed a fulfilling experience.

Women Everywhere ANNUAL PROJECTS:

(1) The Community Service Day allows volunteers to give back to their community by offering their time on a specified day in the year to nearly 30 local service agencies that work with women and children. This year, WE Service Day is Friday, June 11, 2010. Opportunities are available to work through one's law firm to sponsor a specific agency, or to sign up individually for assignment to one of the participating agencies that will be visited by a team of volunteers on June 11. Whole and half-day options are available.

(2) The Educational Program, scheduled for Friday, April 16, invites high schools girls from around the area to tour state and federal courts, witness our judicial system in action, and meet participating judges in the program, while encouraging these students to aspire to interesting and challenging careers. The tours conclude with a luncheon at which scholarships are presented and the students hear from women public officials and leaders in a variety of professional fields. Opportunities may still be available to serve as tour guides for junior or senior high school girls.

(3) The Women Everywhere College Scholarships provide financial help to selected enthusiastic college-bound high school girls who want to make a difference. Interested students must complete an application form and submit an essay on this year's theme, "Women of the Future".

WE is now accepting volunteer applications for the June 11 Community Service Day. WE also welcomes contributions which will be used—and can be specified for allocation toward—funding the WE scholarship program or reimbursing agencies for equipment and materials used by the volunteers working on agency projects on Community Service Day. Please visit our website at <http://www.wechicago.org> for the volunteer form or to make a donation. For additional information, you may also contact Co-Chairs Shital Patel (phone: 312-803-2511; e-mail: PatelS@jacksonlewis.com) or Michelle Kohut (phone: 312-346-3191; e-mail: mmk@corboydemetrio.com).

WE members look forward to hearing from you this year!

submitted by Junko Minami

Israel Women's Network Seeks Gender Equality In Workplace

by Sarah Abrams

On February 25th, 2010, Ella Gera, Israeli economist and attorney from Israel, gave an inspiring lecture at Loyola Law School on her tireless, twenty-five year-long campaign for Women's Rights. Ms. Gera shared her experience and involvement as a Member of the Board of the Israel Women's Network which is considered Israel's leading feminist movement promoting social change for women and advocating for their equal rights. The Network has prosecuted and won landmark cases for women seeking to get ahead in traditionally male-dominated careers. It contributed to the state of Israel's creation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and has worked continuously to educate the younger generations on gender equality.



The event was co-sponsored by the Israeli Law Research Society (ILRS), the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, the Decalogue Society of Loyola Law School and the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest.

SHALVA

offers free confidential domestic abuse counseling services to the Chicago Jewish Community.

<http://www.shalvaonline.org/donate.aspx>

773-583-4673